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SUBJECT: ILO DG REQUESTS MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON

1. IN LETTERS MAILED TODAY TO SECRETARIES VANCE AND MARSHALL AND TO MR. BREZEZINSKI, ILO DG BALNCHARD ASKS FOR MEETINGS TO DISCUSS U.S. DECISION ON MEMBERSHIP IN ILO. HE INDICATES HE CAN BE IN WASHINGTON ANYTIME EXCEPT JULY 20-26 (BLANCHARD MEETS WITH PRESIDENT GISCARD AND GOF OFFICIAL JULY 22, 25 AND 26). TEXTS OF LETTERS FOLLOW BELOW.

2. SECRETARY VANCE: BEGIN TEXT

DEAR MR. SECRETARY,

THE TIME IS FAST APPROACHING WHEN THE UNITED STATES WILL MAKE THE FINAL DECISION ON WHETHER TO LET THE LETTER OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW FROM THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR
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ORGANISATION RUN ITS COURSE.

I UNDERSTAND AND SHARE THE CONCERNS RAISED IN THAT LETTER. FROM THIS VIEWPOINT, THE 1977 ILO CONFERENCE WAS ON BALANCE DISAPPOINTING. HOWEVER, I BELIEVE THAT, DESPITE THIS SETBACK, A STRONG CASE CAN BE MADE FOR CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE ILO, PARTICULARLY FROM

THE STANDPOINT OF FUNDAMENTAL UNITED STATES INTERESTS
OVER THE LONG TERM.

I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE
THIS CASE TO YOU PERSONALLY AND DIRECTLY BEFORE A
RECOMMENDATION IS MADE BY THE CABINET-LEVEL COMMITTEE
TO THE PRESIDENT. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MAKE SOME
CONCRETE SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW THE UNITED STATES COULD
ACHIEVE MOST, IF NOT ALL, OF THE OBJECTIVES SET FORTH
IN THE LETTER OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW FROM THE ILO. I
AM READY TO COME TO WASHINGTON AT ANYTIME THAT YOU
COULD FIT ME INTO YOUR HEAVY SCHEDULE, EXCEPT BETWEEN
20 AND 26 JULY.

I ALSO HOPE TO SEE THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE
CABINET-LEVEL COMMITTEE AND AM WRITING TO THEM
SEPARATELY.

I AM CONVINCED THAT YOU WILL WANT TO EXAMINE ALL
THE FACTS AND ARGUMENTS BEFORE YOUR GREAT COUNTRY
TAKES A FINAL POSITION ON ITS MEMBERSHIP IN ONE OF
THE MOST USEFUL OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS.

YOURS SINCERELY,

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FRANCIS BLANCHARD

3. SECRETARY MARSHALL: BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR SECRETARY,

IN THE NEAR FUTURE THE UNITED STATES WILL BE MAKING
THE FINAL DECISION ON WHETHER TO LET THE LETTER OF INTENT
TO WITHDRAW FROM THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION
RUN ITS COURSE.

I BELIEVE I HAVE MADE CLEAR TO ALL ELEMENTS OF THE
US TRIPARTITE REPRESENTATION AT THE ILO MY BASIC SYMPATHY
WITH THE CONCERNS RAISED IN THE LETTER AND MY DISAPPOINT-
MENT WITH SOME ASPECTS OF THE OUTCOME OF THE 1977 CONFERENCE.
HOWEVER, I AM FIRMLY CONVINCED THAT A STRONG CASE CAN BE
MADE FOR CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE ILO. IN PARTICULAR
I THINK THAT THE ILO CAN BE A USEFUL FORUM FOR US EFFORTS TO

SEEK ACCOMMODATION WITH THE THIRD WORLD ON SUCH QUESTIONS AS
UNFAIR COMPETITION, EXCESSIVE MIGRATION FOR EMPLOYMENT, AND

INDUSTRIAL ADJUSTMENTS. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MAKE SOME
CONCRETE SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW THE UNITED STATES COULD
ACHIEVE MOST, IF NOT ALL, OF THE OBJECTIVES SET FORTH IN
THE LETTER OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW FROM THE ILO.

I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS
THESE AND OTHER POINTS DIRECTLY WITH YOU IN SOME DETAIL
BEFORE THE CABINET-LEVEL COMMITTEE MAKES ITS RECOMMENDA-
TION TO THE PRESIDENT. I HOPE TO MEET WITH THE OTHER
MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE AS WELL, AND I AM WRITING TO
THEM SEPARATELY TO THIS EFFECT.

I ENJOYED SEEING YOU HERE IN GENEVA AND LOOK FORWARD
TO SEEING YOU AGAIN IN WASHINGTON AT A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT
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TIME EXCEPT BETWEEN 20 AND 26 JULY.

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4. MR. BREZEVINSKI: BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR DR. BRZEZINSKI,

IN YOUR LETTER OF 26 APRIL, SENT TO ME BEFORE MY
LAST VISIT TO WASHINGTON, YOU WERE KIND ENOUGH TO TELL
ME THAT, SCHEDULE PERMITTING, YOU HOPED TO SEE ME ON MY
RETURN FROM VENEZUELA. ALTHOUGH OUR STAFFS WERE UNABLE
TO FIND A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME, I GREATLY APPRECIATE
THIS EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ON YOUR PART.

I AM WRITING TO YOU NOW BECAUSE I THINK THAT, MORE
THAN EVER, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY
TO TALK, SINCE THE UNITED STATES SOON WILL BE DECIDING
ON WHETHER TO LET THE LETTER OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW FROM
THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION RUN ITS COURSE.

I UNDERSTAND AND SHARE THE CONCERNS RAISED IN THAT
LETTER AS WELL AS THE DISAPPOINTMENT AT SOME ASPECTS OF
THE OUTCOME OF THE 1977 INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE.
NONETHELESS, I AM FIRMLY CONVINCED THAT, IF THE UNITED
STATES TAKES A LONG-RUN VIEW OF THE ILO SITUATION AND
CONSIDERS IT IN TERMS OF ITS FUNDAMENTAL INTERESTS,
THERE IS A GREAT DEAL TO BE SAID FOR CONTINUED US
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MEMBERSHIP. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MAKE SOME CONCRETE
SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW THE UNITED STATES COULD ACHIEVE
MOST, IF NOT ALL, OF THE OBJECTIVES SET FORTH IN THE
LETTER OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW FROM THE ILO.

I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PUT
THIS TO YOU DIRECTLY AND TO GIVE YOU AN OCCASION TO HAVE
ALL FACTS AND CONSIDERATIONS AT YOUR DISPOSAL BEFORE YOU
JOIN WITH MEMBERS OF THE CABINET-LEVEL COMMITTEE IN
MAKING A RECOMMENDATION TO THE PRESIDENT.

I ALSO HOPE TO SEE THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE
AND AM WRITING TO THEM SEPARATELY. I AM AVAILABLE TO
COME TO WASHINGTON AT ANY TIME, EXCEPT BETWEEN 20 AND
26 JULY.

YOUR SINCERELY,

FRANCIS BLANCHARD
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